

Minutes of the 73rd CCM Meeting
September 19, 2014

Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

David Sergeenko - CCM Chairperson, Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia;

Nino Kochishvili – on behalf of Mr. Philip Dimitrov, EU Delegation to Georgia, Head, Ambassador

Zurab Vadachkoria – Tbilisi State Medical University, Rector

Nikoloz Chkhartishvili on behalf of Mr. Tengiz Tsertsvadze, General Director of Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Center

Khatuna Todadze - Center for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction, Head

Zaza Avaliani - Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases

Tamar Sirbiladze - USAID, Health and Social Development Office, Director

Lasha Tvaliashvili - Real People – Real Vision, Executive Director

Nino Mamulashvili, on behalf of Ms. Rusudan Klimiashvili - WHO, Head of Country Office

Tamar Natriashvili – Former TB patient

Izoleta Bodokia – HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation, Director

Dimitri Kordzaia - Georgian National Association for Palliative Care, Board Chairman

Archil Talakvadze - Deputy Minister of Corrections of Georgia

Tamaz Marsagishvili – Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia

Tamar Kochoradze on behalf of **Zviad Zviadadze** - Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civil Equality, Head of the Department of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, Former Autonomous District of South Ossetia and Civil Integration,

Amiran Gamkrelidze – National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDCPH), General Director

Lela Bakradze - UNFPA Assistant Representative in Georgia, Chair of the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS

Secretariat:

Natia Khonelidze – Administrative Assistant

Guests/observers

Julie Pasquier – FEI, Expert

Shailendra Haruray – FEI, Expert

Mzia Tabatadze - Program Health and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GFATM/
LFA

Irma Khonelidze – NCDCPH, Deputy Director

Agenda

16:00 – 16:10	Opening speech /remarks Mr. David Sergeenko - CCM Chair, Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
16:10 – 16:15	Addressing the members to declare the presence of the Conflict of Interest in connection with the decisions to be made Secretariat
16:15 – 16:20	Shifting the CCM membership from Ms. Ketevan Natriashvili, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science to Mr. Tamaz Marsagishvili, Deputy Minister of Education and Science/voting Shifting the CCM membership from Mr. Mamuka Japaridze to Mr. Zaza Avaliani, Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases/voting
16:20 – 16:30	Global Fund Projects implementation status Ms. Irma Khonelidze - NCDCPH, Deputy Director
16:30 -17:45	Evaluation of Performance Assessment EPA: Ms. Julie Pasquier – French 5% Initiative, expert Mr. Shailendra Haruray - French 5% Initiative, expert 1-Presentation on CCM eligibility requirements under the new Funding Model and EPA methodology 2-Facilitation of the EPA self-assessment with the CCM members

	3-Discussion on outcomes of the CCM Performance Tool
17:45 – 17:50	Obtaining signatures of the CCM members for the Self-Assessment
17:50 – 18:15	AOB/Announcements

David Sergeenko – greeted the participants and thanked them for attendance. Afterwards the Chairperson briefly overviewed the agenda and gave the floor to **Ms. Natia Khonelidze**.

Natia Khonelidze – addressed the participants with the request to declare the presence of the conflict of interest if any and to sign the CoI forms. The Global Fund’s requirements regarding CoI were once again presented to the audience. Ms. Khonelidze presented to the members the letter from the Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civil Equality stating that Mr. Zviad Zviadadze, Head of the Department of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, Former Autonomous District of South Ossetia and Civil Integration will be presented at the CCM during the maternity leave of Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, First State Deputy Minister that had been circulated among the members earlier (the letter attached).

David Sergeenko – asked the members if the request presented is acceptable and reminded the members to sign the CoI forms.

CoI forms were signed by the members.

No comments/objections followed and the issue was agreed by the CCM.

Natia Khonelidze – put the issue of shifting the CCM membership from Ms. Ketevan Natriashvili, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science to Mr. Tamaz Marsagishvili, Deputy Minister of Education and Science to the vote. The content of the letter from Ms. Tamar Sanikidze, Minister of Education and Science nominating Mr.Marsagishvili as CCM member instead of the Ms. Natriashvili was one more time presented to the audience (attached)

Mr. Tamaz Marsagishvili was unanimously admitted to the CCM membership by all presented members.

Natia Khonelidze – put the issue of shifting the CCM membership from Mr. Mamuka Japaridze, former Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases to Mr. Zaza Avaliani, Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases to the vote.

Mr. Zaza Avaliani was unanimously admitted to the CCM membership by all presented members.

David Sergeenko – gave the floor to **Ms. Irma Khonelidze**.

Irma Khonelidze – stated that the progress made in terms of programs implementation was highly rated by the GFATM during in-country visit of September 8-12. Afterwards the rapporteur briefly overviewed the current status of program implementation with special focus on the following issues:

TB Program implementation. The request for approval of the procurement of TB drugs was sent to the GFATM on August 12. Ms. Khonelidze expressed the hope that the feedback will be received without delay. The stock out of drugs is anticipated by mid of April. Governmental approval for procurement mechanism of 9 Gene Expert machines for rapid diagnosis of MDR TB cases is being sought. Ms.Khonselidze addressed the CCM with the request to speed up the process if possible.

David Sergeenko – stated the state procurement regulations should be followed and offered to have a separate meeting with the representatives of State Procurement Office to look through all details.

Irma Khonselidze – updated the audience on WHO TB program review planned for November and stated that the CCM will be further informed and the possibility of direct contracting of the experts will be communicated to CCM for review and approval. If/when an approval from CCM is obtained the proposal will be submitted to the Government. Request for 2015 TB state budget allocation was supported by MoLHSA and MoF which had been highly appreciated by the GFATM.

David Sergeenko – emphasized the importance of having highly qualified international and local experts involved in the comprehensive program review. He asked for the full package of documentation reflecting methodology and competencies of personnel to be contracted.

Irma Khonselidze – responded that the full package will be presented.

HIV program implementation. The order for procurement of ARV drugs was approved. Orders for consumables are well progressing. The delivery of methadone is anticipated by the end of December thus the stock out is not anticipated. In January on the basis of consumption rate the quote can be revised and increased according to patients' needs. So the quote will be revised in coordination with Narcology Center and presented to the State Regulatory Agency. Finally Ms. Khonselidze presented to the audience the issue of selection of SRs. The tender documents are in the process of preparation and SRs will be selected according to the state procurement legislation. Once the approval from GFATM of 2015 budget is obtained the tender documents will be submitted to the Ministry of Health and will be published on the state procurement web-page. More details will be provided.

David Sergeenko – addressed the audience with the request to provide the comments if any and gave the floor to Ms. **Julie Pasquier and Mr. Shailendra Haruray**

Julie Pasquier – introduced to the audience the goal and objectives of the mission held with the technical assistance of FEI. Ms. Paquier presented to the audience the GFATM eligibility requirements and minimum standards in light of New Funding Model. Afterwards Ms. Pasquier provided the audience with a detailed description of the EPA process (presentation attached). The rapporteur stated that all indicators of the self-assessment will be discussed and on-line tool will be filled out at the meeting.

Shailendra Haruray – presented to the audience an indicative self-assessment tool and the results of the comprehensive diagnostic.

Each indicator was thoroughly discussed and the level of compliance of the CCM with ERs and MSs was agreed based on the comprehensive analysis. The Level of Compliance of the CCM with MS P was determined by the CCM as Non-Compliant with the following comment: “Due to limited capacities the PR and SR's/SSR's have been inducted into the CCM. The population is small and appropriate resource for membership is limited”. It was agreed that the mentioned mechanism of managing and fulfillment of the mentioned MS needs special consideration and further consultations with the GFATM might be sought.

The special consideration was given to the issue of COI namely:

Participation of SR and SSRs in the decision-making process, representation of the CSOs.

The results derived and generated in the results sheet of the self-assessment tool were presented to the attendees. The CCM agreed and finalized the self-assessment tool as per attachment.

It was agreed that the Improvement Plan and operation plan will be developed and endorsed at the next CCM meeting scheduled for September 25.

The Secretariat printed out the self-assessment form and the attendees endorsed it by fixing their signatures on the hard copy self-assessment form (attached).

David Sergeenko – thanked the participants for their participation and announced the meeting as closed.

Decisions:

- 1. To shift the CCM membership from Ms. Ketevan Natriashvili, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science to Mr. Tamaz Marsagishvili, Deputy Minister of Education and Science;**

2. To shift the CCM membership from Mr. Mamuka Japaridze, former Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases to Mr. Zaza Avaliani, Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases;
3. The Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civil Equality to be presented by Mr. Zviad Zviadadze, Head of the Department of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, Former Autonomous District of South Ossetia and Civil Integration during the maternal leave of Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, First State Deputy Minister;
4. To endorse the results of self-assessment;
5. To elaborate and endorse at the next CCM meeting Improvement plan and Operational plan.

David Sergeenko

Chairperson

Natia Khonelidze

Administrative Assistant